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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

MIWA et al.

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REPLY AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 CFR §1.116)

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action having a mailing date of January 19, 2005, a Request for Continued Examination is being filed in conjunction with this reply. Consequently, please amend and reconsider the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.